



**ERIC GIBSON**  
DIRECTOR

## County of San Diego

### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

5201 RUFFIN ROAD, SUITE B, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92123-1666  
INFORMATION (858) 694-2960  
TOLL FREE (800) 411-0017

# MINUTES

## HISTORIC SITE BOARD

November 16, 2009  
FINAL

**Location:**  
5201 Ruffin Road Suite B  
Board Room; 6:30 PM

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

#### ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

##### A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information

- **Call to Order**

6:30 pm

- **Members Present:**

Carmen Lucas

Jim Royle

Helen Ofield

Paul Johnson

Scott Moomjian

Vicki Estrada

- **Staff Present:**

Donna Beddow

Gail Wright

Heather Kwiatkowski

**Members Absent:** Margie Warner

**Staff Absent:** Diane Shalom

- **Other General Information:** N/A

**B. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None

**C. Approval of July 20, 2009 Board Minutes**

Approval of the July 20, 2009 Board Minutes; Motion by Scott Moomjian to approve minutes; Second by Helen Ofield, motion carried 5-0-1 (Paul Johnson abstained).

**D. Reports:**

- Julian Update (Donna Beddow): All that remains is the closing presentation and to present the findings to the community, but due to budget constraints associated with staff time, this has been postponed until a later date when funding is available.
- Potrero Community Planning Group Educational Meeting concerning Mills Act and Historic Designation (Donna Beddow): In September 2009, Donna Beddow, Gail Wright, and Jim Royle presented information concerning the Mills Act Contract and Historic Designation to the Potrero Community Planning Group (CPG).
- County of San Diego General Plan Update: Comments closed in August. Going to BOS early 2010. County of San Diego staff is working to implement a demolition procedure/process to revise ministerial processing to minimize the loss of historic resources.
- Dulzura Café (Mills Act): Waiting on applicant to complete the Mills Act Contract.
- New Book by Helen Ofield and Pete Smith, published by Arcadia Publishing, entitled, "*Images of America, Lemon Grove*," will be out January 25, 2009.
- On October 30, 2009, Camp Lockett was officially added to the California Registrar as California Historical landmark #1045 (Department of Parks and Recreation).

**E. Announcements**

- **Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Training:** November 19, 2009, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Wisteria Cottage, 780 Prospect Street, La Jolla, CA **Canceled/Postponed**
- **San Diego County Archaeological Society:** November 24, 2009, 7:30 PM, Speaker: Tanya Wahoff, Topic: Jolly Boy Saloon, at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House
- **Battle of San Pasqual Reenactments:** Sunday, December 6, 2009, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park
- **San Diego County Archaeological Society:** January 26, 2009, 7:30 PM, Speaker: Andrew Pignuolo Topic: TBD, at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

**F. Formation of Consent Calendar:** Staff has no recommendation for consent items.

**ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Public Comment – Non-agenda items**

**B. Presentation –** Brian Baca, Chief, Department of Planning and Land Use: "The Basics of California Open Meeting Law, the Ralph M. Brown Act."

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 3- STANDARDIZATION OF PLAQUE(S) FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL DESIGNATION AND LANDMARKS**


**Description:** Homeowners and other interested parties have expressed interest in installing plaques on properties designated by the Historic Site Board as Historical Landmarks. The Historic Site Board members have received various examples of such signs and will discuss possible size, shapes, coloring, and information to be on plaques.


**Today's Action:** Discuss plaque options and procedures.



**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the HSB develop standard for plaque size, shape, color and text.


**Speaker:** Story Vogel, owner of the Sharpe Estate in Pine Valley that was recently designated as a historic landmark and approved for the Mills Act Contract, expressed interest in having plaques that would serve the cause of historic preservation by illuminating knowledge of historic landmarks. Additionally, he requested that a Historic Landmarking and Mills Act Contract Presentation be provided for the community of Pine Valley.

**Meeting Notes:** Valley Center Historical Society provided the HSB with a handout concerning their requirements for plaques.

Vicki Estrada indicated that she liked the rectangular shaped example with the slightly curved top () but would like to see a size that is larger than 11" x 8". Scott Moomjian liked the same shape and agreed that a larger size would be better. Scott also liked the burgundy background with gold lettering and indicated that it would be beneficial to keep the information on the sign basic (e.g. name of resource and year). Carmen Lucas thought all the examples looked like tombstones, a little too

traditional and formal. She indicated that she like the oval shape () the best but would like to see more colorful options, like seafoam green or blue, that better represent the San Diego spirit.

Helen Ofield liked both of the rectangular shapes with curved tops ( and ) and preferred the maroon background with bronze lettering. Additionally, she agreed that a size larger than 11" x 8" was needed. Paul Johnson expressed some concerns with the use of bronze, as it is expensive and often stolen, and indicated that while a heavy gauge sheet metal is not as durable, it is less expensive. Paul also preferred a larger size and more neutral color options. Jim Royle liked the

rectangular shaped example with a slightly curved top () and thought that the lettering and background should be contrasting so that it is easily viewed from the street. He felt that staff should confirm the information on the sign prior to it being cast, and that businesses should be allowed to use a reproduction of the plaque in their literature.

The Board decided that they would like to see additional information concerning color, size, and shape and a draft policy would be distributed for review prior to the next meeting.

**Board Action:** Motion to continue item to next Historic Site Board Meeting.

Motion by Vicki Estrada, second by Scott Moomjian; Motion carried 6-0-0 (Margie Warner absent)

#### **ITEM 4- 2008-2009 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) ANNUAL REPORT**

**Description:** Every year, the State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) requires that Certified Local Governments (CLG) prepare and submit a summary of all activity conducted during the fiscal year October 1 to September 30. Staff has prepared this report and sent copies to all HSB members for review. The report will be discussed at the meeting, and action taken to recommend approval or to recommend approval with revisions. The report is due to be delivered to OHP by December 31, 2009.

**Today's Action:** Discuss the CLG Annual Report, suggest changes and make a recommendation to the Director of Planning and Land Use.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the HSB recommend approval of the CLG report.

**Meeting Notes:** Board members went through each page of the report, detailing minor changes that needed to be made to the report.

**Board Action:** Motion to adopt the draft Certified Local Government Report as amended.

Motion by Scott Moomjian, second by Paul Johnson; Motion carried 6-0-0 (Margie Warner absent).

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

#### **ITEM 6- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Next meeting will take place on January 25, 2010 (May be postponed until February)
- Next HSB Project Review Committee meeting – None scheduled
- Election of Officers

#### **ITEM 7- ADJOURNMENT** 8:10 pm

*James Boyle, CHAIRMAN*  
*Scott Moomjian, Vice-Chairman*